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Rangel has been soliciting donations from a variety of business leaders many of whom have business interests in the decisions of his committee, which has broad jurisdiction over tax policy, trade, Social Security and Medicare.

Chairman Rangel has also managed to secure two Department of Housing and Urban Development grants totaling \$690,500 to help renovate the college-owned Harlem building that is slated to house the center.

That's almost \$3 million of your tax dollars, so Chairman Rangel can build a Monument to Himself.

Ridiculous.